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STEP UP FARM MACHINERY OUTPUT

HORCH PLANT INCREASES TRACTOR OUTPUT -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 29, 15 Apr 50

The Horch Plant in Zwickau, which belongs to the IFA Association of People-Owned Vehicle Plants, produced 400 tractors during the first quarter of 1950, or 50 more than its production quota.

PRODUCES MOWER BLADES -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 17, 4 Mar 50

The people-owned Metallbau enterprise in Doebeln has started the production of mower blades. Formerly, they had to be imported from Western Germany.

TO SET UP MICHURIN COOPERATIVE IN ROSTOCK -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 117, 23 May 50

The Mecklenburg Group of the German Agricultural Society has decided to establish a Michurin cooperative in Rostock.

A member of the agricultural faculty of Rostock University was appointed chairman of the work cooperative and other faculty members will head the various committees.

CROP CONDITIONS GOOD IN SACHSEN -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 119, 25 May 50

Crop conditions for grain, fodder, and oil plants are satisfactory in nearly all districts of Land Sachsen, according to the Land Ministry of Agriculture. Spring planting is nearly completed. About 94 percent of the 480,000-hectare cultivation area has been planted. Potato crops alone cover an area of 132,000 hectares.

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MORE FUR-FARMERS IN SACHSEN-ANHALT -- Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, No 17,
4 Mar 50

According to the 1949 annual report of the Trade Union for Fur-Breeding in Sachsen-Anhalt, the number of unionized fur-farmers has increased from 519 to 1,450. The present inventory of fur-bearing animals consists of 33,900 beaver, 400 fox, and 200 mink. In 1949, 15,130 beaver, 140 fox, 31 mink, 20 caracul, and 4,930 pelts of wild fur-bearing animals were used by furriers in Sachsen-Anhalt.

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